

Memorials for Week of October 3rd -- 9th, 2016

Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of the Lach family by Deborah

Altar Candles, Bread & Wine

In Memory of Jake Shebaugh by wife Irene & son Jake Jr.

Mass Intentions for October 3rd -- 9th, 2016

Monday, Oct 3rd

6:50 am Adeline Miles by family

Tuesday, Oct 4th

6:50 am Irene Castellani by family

Wednesday, Oct 5th

6:50 am Dorothy & Ed Zola Sr. by family

Thursday, Oct 6th

6:50 am William R. Tasonyi by daughter

Friday, Oct 7th

6:50 am Lorraine Albiero by Joseph

Saturday, Oct 8th

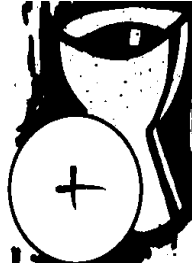
1:00 pm Nuptial Mass--Brian Dunstone & Amanda Deecke

4:00 pm Rose Gilroy by the Garone family

Sunday, Oct 9th

8:00 am Nancy Castellani by Lillian & Mike McCormick

10:00 am Donald Kelly by wife



Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased William J. Moran.

Wecome New Babies

The past two weeks, we have added two new infants to our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism. As a parish community let us prayerfully remember Maddison Ann Turlip, infant daughter of Brian and Jessica (Pronko) Turlip; and Giada Migliorino, infant daughter of Paul and Amy (Matisko) Migliorino. Pray for their parents and families also as we invoke countless blessings of God upon them.

Collection for last Weekend: September 25, 2016

314 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$5,720.50

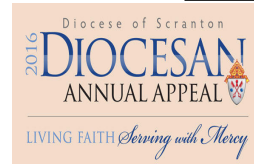
We sincerely thank all who are consistently using their regular offertory envelopes or prearranged bank checks to support the work and mission of Sacred Heart Parish. We also commend those who are being conscientious to their commitments through our ongoing Parish Care Campaign.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" What a humble attitude this would be! Jesus challenges us today not to boast, not to seek special praise, not to consider ourselves worthy of some great reward when we follow him. Rather, he honestly reminds us that it is simply our duty to do all we "have been commanded." God made us. Our lives are a result of his loving initiative. Giving ourselves back to him through "the obedience of faith" (as the Second Vatican Council called it), is truly the only appropriate response. Of course we are free NOT to practice this obedience. We are free to reject God, to ignore

his commandments, even to make ourselves his enemies. But nonetheless it remains true that what we ought to do is to love God and follow his ways. And Jesus suggests today that this simple obedience should be a given in our lives. Following the commandments is merely what we are obligated to do. But, let's not forget that we are also free to do more. Because of the nature of love, we can never really exhaust it. We can always love more, serve more devotedly, give more generously. Perhaps Jesus is calling us to focus less on meeting the bare-bones requirements of Christianity, and instead to shift our efforts farther in the direction of going above and beyond the call of duty. Instead of asking what is the least I HAVE to do, we would do well to ask, what ELSE can I do? What else can I do to show my gratitude to God for all he has given me? What else can I do to serve his people and nurture the world he has made? Let us aim to become truly profitable servants.

2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal



CARE AND EDUCATION OF PRIESTS: "Answering God's call to a life of service to His people". Our priests and deacons unconditionally answer the call to serve God's people

meeting increasing needs throughout our Diocese. Contributions to the Annual Appeal fund ongoing formation of our priests, permanent deacons, seminarians and deacon candidates. These funds also help us care for and support our 96 retired or ill priests, many of whom continue to generously assist with the celebration of Masses, the visitation of the sick and by offering spiritual guidance to all in need. Appeal gifts also assist the Vocations Office, which has been blessed with encouraging growth, in guiding those who are considering priesthood through a comprehensive discernment process. We are grateful to currently have 11 seminarians pursuing the priesthood in the Diocese of Scranton. Your gift to the Annual Appeal directly supports the celebration of the Eucharist, men in clergy formation, proclamation of the Gospel, and administration of the Sacraments within our parish communities.

Respect Life Sunday



This Sunday the Diocese of Scranton will observe Respect Life Sunday with the celebration of the Mass at 10am at the Cathedral. Bishop Bambera will serve as the principal celebrant for this special liturgy which highlights the Catholic Church's respect for the sanctity and dignity of life spanning all stages and conditions, from conception to natural death. This year's theme is "Moved by Mercy." It celebrates the life of the unborn, persons with disabilities, the deaf, the ill, and those in the last stages of earthly life. The liturgy is also offered for victims of abortion, euthanasia, and the death penalty.

October is Respect Life Month

"God offers his gift of mercy to each and every one of us, no matter what. But we have to decide to receive that gift—

whether or not to turn away from sin and turn instead toward him. We have to decide whether we want God. The theme of the 2016-17 Respect Life Program is "Moved by Mercy". When we let our hearts be moved by God's mercy, it shapes everything. As Pope Francis said, 'We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us'. God made each of us in his own image and likeness. He desires to be united with us forever in a loving relationship. God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others. Every person is sacred and must be treated with the dignity they deserve. No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly—everyone should be cherished and protected! From each tiny child waiting to be born, to individuals nearing death, all are precious and deserve our care and protection. Women and men suffering after abortion, individuals tempted to end their lives, couples longing to conceive a child, people pushed to the margins of society by a "throwaway culture," expectant mothers facing challenging pregnancies, and every other person—each 'has a place in God's heart from all eternity'. (Amoris Laetitia, 168). Let's ask God to make us channels of his loving mercy: Lord, help us to receive your mercy and turn to you each moment. And please guide us in extending your mercy to others today. Now is the time for mercy." – *Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities*

40 Days For Life



40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: Prayer and Fasting, Constant Vigil, and Community Outreach. An abortion center where *eight* 40 Days for Life vigils have taken place has gone out of business - the Planned Parenthood facility in Appleton, Wisconsin. This latest victory was the *75th abortion center to close* following a 40 Days for Life campaign outside its doors! This past week, communities across all 50 US states and 23 countries began vigils and together have launched the largest worldwide pro-life mobilization in history: the **UNITED 40 Days for Life Campaign**, happening from *Sept 28 - Nov 6*. Find out more at www.40daysforlife.com. Locally, pro-lifers are gathering in front of Planned Parenthood in Wilkes-Barre, 63 N. Franklin Street: Monday thru Friday at 9am. Come and pray the rosary to end abortion.

Annual Respect Life Banquet

The Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will hold their Respect Life Banquet on Mon, October 10 at 6pm at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre. The Keynote Speaker is Dr. Anthony Levantino – former abortionist. Cost: \$35 per person. To get your tickets make check payable to: Pennsylvanians for Human Life, 31 Hanover St. Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. Indicate number of guests attending & their names when sending for tickets.

"Rachel's Vineyard" Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

Confidential weekend retreat Nov. 4-6 facilitates spiritual and emotional healing for men and women struggling with

the pain of abortion. Exercises based on Scripture are designed to help participants experience God's mercy and compassion, and to reconcile with their church, themselves and their child. The retreat concludes with a memorial service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential; financial assistance available. For more information, including registration, contact Denise Rowinski Mengak at 822-7118, ext. 333 or drowinski@csswb.org.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Friday May 6th from 7:20am to 12pm. All are welcome to come and sit in silent prayer with the Blessed Sacrament of Jesus presence. Please sign on the holy hour list so we can be sure all the time periods are covered. Remember the people of our parish and those who are sick or bereaved in your pray-ers. Pray for those caught up in the culture of death, that they may be inspired to become members of the culture of life.

Valley View Blood Council: The next blood drive in our area will be on Oct 6th at the Throop Civic Center.

St. Francis Day--Blessing for Pets

The annual pet blessing will be given this Sunday, October 2 at 12:15 at the auditorium entrance. In case of rain, please gather on the other side of the auditorium under the carport area. Please leash or cage all pets during the blessing. Through the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi, we ask God to help us see our pets also as gifts of God that bring us much companionship, enjoyment and pleasure. As good stewards we look after these creatures of God with the care and safekeeping they need and require.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

9/22 to 11/3 6:30pm Thursdays: The Gospel of Happiness at Sacred Hearts in Jermyn with Brendan Murphy.
Sat, Oct 8 8:00am Diocesan Congress. A full day of programming is planned, featuring dynamic speakers presenting various workshops on topics which have ongoing impact on parish life. Workshops are suited for those in parish ministries and those who are looking for spiritual growth. **For more info & to register please call the parish office by Mon, Oct 3.**

Roast Beef Dinner—Sunday, October 2

1. Dinner tickets are available in the main vestibule before and after the Saturday 4:00 Mass, October 1st at \$12 per person. On Sun morning and afternoon, dinner tickets are \$14 and will be available only inside the auditorium door facing the VFW.
2. All baked goods should be dropped off at the auditorium between 3:00 & 6:00 PM on Saturday, October 1st.
3. As usual, take-outs are available 11:00 am thru 3:00pm. Dinner seating begins at 12 noon. Seating ends at 3:00 pm.
4. Please be sure to make your cash raffle returns in time for the 3:00 pm drawing.